



GARVILLE NETBALL CLUB INC

Coach

Registration Policy

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1. Introduction

Garville Netball Club is committed to the health, safety and well-being of all its members and participants and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participation in the sport of netball throughout South Australia.

Most state and territory governments have introduced, or are considering the introduction of, child protection legislation. This legislation aims to ensure that people working (in a voluntary or paid basis) with children do not pose a risk to children.

Increasingly, this legislation requires “screening” to be undertaken in defined circumstances relating to junior sport and the Garville Netball Club Member Protection Policy generally requires screening in the same situations.

Harassment in sport has become an issue that many sports have unfortunately had to face. As a result, Garville Netball Club has acknowledged that a proactive and preventative approach needs to be taken in dealing with the issue.

“Member Protection” is a term that is now widely used in the sports industry. Member protection is all about practices and procedures that protect a sports organisation’s members - including players/participants, administrators, coaches and officials.

It involves:

- protecting members from harassment and inappropriate behaviour;
- adopting appropriate measures to ensure the right people are involved in an organisation;
- and
- providing education

The successful implementation and enforcement of this Member Protection policy requires the cooperation and commitment of Garville Netball Club members and participants at all levels.

The following Coach Registration Policy conveys a strong message to all netball members and participants, and prospective members and participants, that as a sport, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our most valuable asset well into the future.

This document describes the policy for the registration of coaches involved in the Garville Netball Club. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Minimize and guard against potential risks to children involved in netball
- Establish the suitability of people volunteering to coach netball teams
- Assist with adherence to legislation regarding the screening of volunteers involved in sport

This policy describes the Garville Netball Clubs requirements of coaches in the registration process, and measures taken by Garville Netball Club to ensure compliance.

2. Requirements

2.1 Coach Appointment Requirements

When Garville Netball Club appoints a coach, prior to the coach coaching their first game, the coach must:

Register in the online database for the current season, including entering the following details:

- First Name
- Surname
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Suburb
- Home phone number
- Mobile phone number
- Email address
- Details of Coaching accreditation

In general, this happens at the following times:

- Prior to the first game of each season, when the majority of coaching appointments are made
- Whenever a new coaching appointment is made mid-season

2.2 Coach Registration Requirements

All people actively coaching a team in the Garville Netball Club, must complete the coach registration process prior to coaching their first game. This process involves the following:

- Completion of the online Coaching Registration process.
- Applying for, and submitting, a national police certificate which satisfies the requirements of a criminal history assessment
- Completion of the “Play by the Rules” online training course
- To acknowledge your willingness to abide by the Garville Netball Club Coaching Policy, Coaches Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and the Anti-Harassment, Bullying and Grievance Policy.

A detailed procedure for each of these steps is available in the Coach section of the Garville Netball Club website.

Within the online Registration Form you as a coach must indicate that you have read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

Garville Netball Club must sight either an original version of a national police certificate, or a certified photocopy. This can be achieved by mailing a copy of the Certificate to:

Garville Netball Club, PO Box 283, WOODVILLE SA 5011. Please note that documents from other employers that are not a national police certificate are not acceptable.

An updated national police certificate must be provided to Garville Netball Club every two years.

If the Club appoints a coach who has not met the coach registration requirements, Garville Netball Club will request that registration requirements be completed within 6 weeks.

3. Special Coaching Appointments

3.1 Temporary Coaches

Garville Netball Club appreciates that at times, temporary coaches may be assigned to teams. This might occur in cases where it has not been possible to find a permanent coach, or when a permanent coach is unavailable for a particular game.

For the purpose of the coach registration policy, Garville Netball Club makes a distinction between temporary and permanent coaches but only if a person has been assigned the role of coaching a team for only a single game.

If this person coaches a game more than 2 weeks, then this person must satisfy the requirements of the coach registration policy.

4. Coaching Resources

Garville Netball Club's, Director of Coaching, Michelle den Dekker OAM Advanced Coach oversees all coach development.

In addition coaching resources and coach education information is available from the following websites:

- Australian Sports Commission (www.ausport.gov.au/coach)
- Australian Institute of Sport (www.ausport.gov.au/ais)
- Play by the Rules (www.playbytherules.net.au)
- Netball Australia (www.netball.au)
 - See Netball Australia Coach Education Framework
- Netball SA (www.netballsa.asn.au)

5. Accreditation

Garville Netball Club coaches are all expected to be accredited. Garville Netball Club's Director of Coaching, Michelle den Dekker, OAM Advanced Coach offers coaching accreditation courses, the Coach to Coach session information for 2011 is available on the website.